

A RESOLUTION recognizing February 6, 2015, as National Wear Red Day.

WHEREAS, heart disease is the number one killer of women, yet often is preventable; and

WHEREAS, cardiovascular disease accounts for one in three deaths nationwide, approximately one woman's death every minute; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 43 million women in the United States are affected by cardiovascular disease; and

WHEREAS, heart disease kills more women than all forms of cancer combined, but often the disease goes undiagnosed; and

WHEREAS, 90 percent of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease, yet only one in five American women believe that heart disease is her greatest health threat; and

WHEREAS, only 24 percent of participants in all heart-related studies are women; and

WHEREAS, since 1984, more women than men have died each year from heart disease, and the gap continues to widen; and

WHEREAS, many women are either unaware of the symptoms of heart disease or attribute their symptoms to other causes; and

WHEREAS, women are less likely to call 911 for themselves when experiencing symptoms of a heart attack than if someone else were having a heart attack; and

WHEREAS, the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women movement has been positively impacting the health of women for more than ten years and, as a result, more than 627,000 women's lives have been saved and 330 fewer women are dying each day; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2015, Go Red for Women asks women across America to Go Red by wearing red and urges all women to be an advocate of their own and others' health when it comes to the signs, symptoms, and prevention of heart disease;

NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives recognizes February 6, 2015, as National Wear Red Day in order to raise awareness of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, and urges all citizens to show their support for women and the fight against heart disease by commemorating this day by wearing the color red.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Representative Linda Belcher.